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STRESSED? PANICKED ABOUT COLLEGE?

Let IPFW services and staff help

By Louisa Danielson

Stress is brutal. And it comes in all forms and shapes.

What if your adviser is rude? According to Donna Bialik, Dean of Students, "The very best thing you can do is to let the person (adviser) know... You've got to do it in a very calm, professional way." She noted that if you don't think you can reply in such a manner, it is better to not say anything at all.

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instructor-advisers available. So a student could work with both his faculty adviser and with the school adviser.

If you wish to switch advisers, Hoff suggests that you contact the secretary of the department to see if a different adviser is available. You can also talk to some of the instructors you've had in the department to see if they would be able to advise you.

Try talking to fellow students to get their advice. Switching advisers does not hurt your grades, affirmed Thomas Hicks, academic adviser for the IPFW College of Arts and Sciences.

What if you're dissatisfied with your major? You can switch majors. If you decide to switch majors, however, you must talk to the new department that you wish to enter and fill out a 442 form. The new department then takes care of the rest.

Hicks says that you can change degrees within the first week of class without any trouble, but if you change after that time, you'll still be listed under the former major until the end of the semester. You can have conferences with your new department adviser, even though the system won't officially recognize the change in major until the end of the semester.

What if you're worried about a future student? With the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech, the safety policies of universities have come under scrutiny, examining how best to protect students

without violating personal rights.

"We've got to be really, really careful that we don't violate rights," said Bialik. "We don't want to restrict the freedoms that are part of university life."

If a fellow student comes to you seemingly depressed or troubled, both Hoff and Bialik suggest that you recommend campus counseling.

The IPFW Dean of Students Office offers free student counseling for all students dealing with any issues. Conferences are kept strictly confidential, unless a student discloses potentially threatening information.

However, if you are afraid that a student is an imminent threat to either himself or the university, you should call the campus police.

According to Lauren Denhartog, chief of campus police, IPFW has a Crisis Intervention Team, which has "drastically changed the response to mental health issues."

An officer from this team is on call at all times, ready to respond to emergency issues. "Safety on campus is a team effort," he said. "We need students' help. This is where true intervention happens."

When it comes to screening potentially dangerous students on campus, the privacy issue is complicated. "The privacy laws are good, but they are very tough,"

Denhartog said. Bialik also added that IPFW releases information on a need-to-know basis.

The faculty and police work together and release information only if required, which keeps the university respectful of students' rights without violating their privacy.

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You versus everybody

Said Said Something
By Said EL-Dajani



Said EL-Dajani is a junior Graphic Design major and writes "Said Said Something" for The Communicator. His views do not necessarily agree with those of the newspaper.

Endeavors are fulfilling. Starting your own business, trying a new sandwich at McDonalds or even finding a new friend can be adventures that allow you to step away from the usual routine and encounter either an exhilaratingly novel period (I understand that this makes that new sandwich sound like a big deal) or a burden from which you have to learn something (a stomach ache?).

Whether we avoid it or not, change happens. Here, I examine an approach I used when facing some fun choices during my acclimation to group dynamics.

Recently, I had the unfortunate opportunity to see some of my friends dabble with a certain illegal substance I wasn't too keen on being around or trying. I abstained and left feeling uncomfortable, not only about the situation at hand, but also about the fact that my friends were potentially jeopardizing their relationship with me.

The lifestyle and habit was unattractive and I was faced with a dilemma: find new friends or help adjust old ones. While some choices seem obvious, it's always more of a challenge than we think to remove ourselves from within our groove and find something different. Yet, sometimes change is necessary.

Ultimately, I didn't want to throw away friendships that I had spent time developing. Anything you put time into with limited expectations is a risky investment of time. And whose time is more important than yours?

A group of people will always direct you toward a certain path. The hard thing is realizing when it's time for different people in your life and then acting upon it. Many times we allow our social situation to trump

our own individual beliefs or boundaries because conformity is more comfortable.

That's why I find it important to be your own best friend first. You keep yourself together because you yourself are a team.

We can go so far with rationalizing, sacrificing and compromising before we reach a point full of dissonance and no boundaries. Justifying everything doesn't seem right to me. Open-mindedness doesn't mean we have to be light-headed.

Some circumstances provide forks in the road where we need to be vigilant enough to know which path is right and which is wrong.

I thought putting space between my old friends and I would be essential. The proximity was paramount.

If I continued to spend time with this certain group of friends, I was likely to start acting like them. Hav-

ing a chameleon personality, I find it highly important to examine my social situation before conforming.

There is nothing wrong with conformity when the group identity is strong or appealing, and you are striving toward similar goals. If you are with friends to get drunk, then naturally the person not drinking will be least likely to fit in. If your group

starts implementing religious ideas you don't agree with or you will more than likely not fit in.

Most of all, you need to pick your battles.

In the end, we are all looking to fit in. We strive for a niche or a purpose through collaboration or independence, then work hard to succeed and specialize.

Groups are important for many people to find direction. Within friendships, fraternities or business partners, a group gives individuals the opportunity to feel included and involved. When the norms of the

group change, so does the cohesiveness.

According to Kenneth Borden's book on social psychology, there are four qualities that maintain the strength of the relationships that link and hold members of a group together:

1. Group members' mutual attraction: members find one another attractive or friendly.

2. Members' proximity: sometimes simply being around people regularly is enough to make people feel like they belong.

3. Adherence to group norms: one or two members deviate a lot or many members deviate a little.

4. The group's success in moving toward its goals: groups that succeed at reaching their goals are more satisfying for their members than those who fail.

How to spend summer time more like me

Pardon the Pun
By Michelle Yahne

Summertime and the livin's easy. But is it really? Aren't there more risks in the summertime than any other time of year? One has to give this thought careful analysis before jumping to a conclusion. Not only are there natural factors that we must take into effect, but there are also man-made factors, and I'm not just talking cops and robbers here. While criminals love summer for their own reasons, it is mostly because of human error that we must be careful.

So here are my tips for things to watch out for:

1. Every summer we hear about tons of people who either end up injuring themselves, burning

down a house or accidentally catching someone on fire because of fireworks. If I can offer you one piece of advice—don't be that idiot. It isn't terribly difficult to use common sense and precaution is it?

Now I know we all get excited when we see sparkly things in the air or on the ground, but come on, just let someone else make that mistake and spare yourself the embarrassment.

2. My next quail with summertime is sunburns. Again, don't be that fool. I'm all about a nice tan, don't get me wrong, but when you see the guy walking around like a lobster, don't you just want to go up and slap him on his burns? Jeer, if he just would have put on some sunscreen, he would have been fine. Not only that, but it would cut down on the amount of money he has to spend on aloe vera

for the rest of the month. And then we won't have to see the disgusting stage of sunburn called molting, or peeling. So come on folks, wise up, and put on some sunscreen.

3. Pools and other bodies of water. Please don't pee in the pool. That's just gross. I don't care how bad you

have to go to get out and go to the bathroom. If you don't want to have to think about other people peeing where you are swimming, then you shouldn't do it yourself.

And if you have small children, make sure you teach them this. And if you aren't sure if your kids understand this, just let them play in the sprinkler instead. They'll still think

it's lots of fun, and soon they'll forget all about the pool.

4. I know all the little preteen girls are more concerned with smelling good for the boys, but please, put on your bug spray, people!

Let me tell you, you don't look any more attractive with mosquito bites all over your body; you look like you've got a modern day version of the plague.

You might as well just quarantine yourself until you look normal again. So spray on the repellent, and save yourself from the little blood-sucking critters. Not only have to put it on once or twice, and chances are, the smell of bug spray will actually attract the boys who have forgotten

it themselves. At this time you can come in and save the day, and perhaps start up a conversation on how ridiculous everyone else looks.

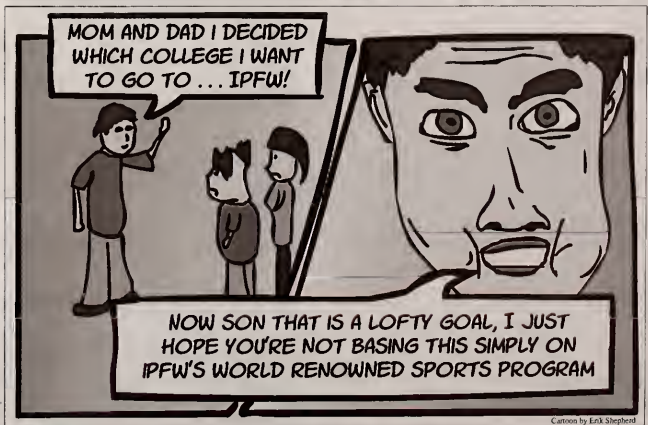
5. Along with the sunburn tip, wear some sunglasses, but also be aware of the oh-so-wonderful look you will be sporting if you remembered your sunglasses but forgot your sunscreen. Not only will you look like a lobster, you will look awesome with your sunglasses lines around your eyes and across your temples.

You can always go find the bug spray girl. Chances are, she has sunscreen too, and all you have to do is flirt with her to get some.

6. If you're going to have a campfire or bonfire, please watch out for those who will try to light anything on fire. These are normally the people who also try and jump over the fire, just to see if they can do it. My tip for this? Instead of trying to control these people, just don't invite them. Surely they'll understand.

7. When cooking on outdoor grills, make sure you cook everything thoroughly. Food poisoning doesn't generally sit well with other summertime activities such as water sports or volleyball, and no one wants to be that person on the sidelines with their head in a trashcan for hours on end. Not only do you not get to participate in the fun, but you get to be called the vomiting cheerleader (or some other fantastic moniker) for the rest of the summer.

So, if you follow my advice, you will look less like a fool and more like someone with some common sense. If not, you could always just stay cooped up inside all summer and merely live vicariously through your friends. Your choice, but have a great summer anyway!



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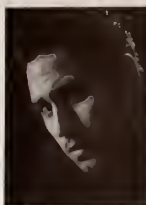
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Freshman frontier

by Blake Farhoudmand



Blake Farhoudmand is a freshmen business administration major and his views do not necessarily agree with those of the newspaper.

Being in high school and going through all the years of education with restrictions, along with being told how amazing college is, you find yourself somewhat confused as to what direction you want to take. Deciding what major I wanted to enroll in was not a difficult choice for me, but for many of my friends it was.

Choosing a college was also a difficult choice, as my life was always changing, and I was not sure where I was going next. Time is always a factor, and class schedules were a big deal.

To introduce myself to help you better understand my opinions, my name is Blake "BaLaBa" Farhoudmand. I started out at IPFW in the fall of 2006 as a freshman. Since it was not too far from my home, and I already knew a lot of classmates and friends who go here, it seemed like a wise decision to start out at IPFW and move my way up to a larger college after taking basic courses and getting more involved in my major.

I knew many who did the same and said it was the way to go. I applied very late in the year. I believe it was actually one week before the semester started, but IPFW still accepted me and let me enroll for classes in the fall of 2006.

I did not necessarily weigh my

options of where to go, but as mentioned before, IPFW seemed like the logical decision. Many people on social networks such as Facebook or MySpace have asked me what exactly is IPFW. At first I would explain that IPFW stood for, and where it was located. But then I would include my opinion, which is neither good nor bad, but just based on my personality and needs.

I would say IPFW is a subtle environment that is growing. The dorms are definitely much nicer than many campuses that I have seen, and very comparable to the newly built dorms of UCF in Orlando.

It seems college life is strong, and you will see many mastodons throughout your IPFW studies. The campus is well kept, trimmed and inviting. It's not too large to be intimidating or exhausting, but not small to the point where you could see from one side to the other.

The people at IPFW are great. There is an amazing mix of all kinds and I don't just mean personalities. Nationalities are well mixed and welcomed from all over the world.

Many resources are available to you, including a 24-hour computer lab. The teachers I have dealt with were all very helpful and caring, yet firm enough to keep you on task.

The location of IPFW is also close to the mall, many restaurants and the Coliseum. There is also a Pizzeria and Taco Bell on campus for a quick snack. The Student Union was usually the meeting spot for me and my friends. We spent our time socializing and playing pool

or keeping ourselves busy with any other activity available.

My friends and I were also usually caught walking around campus and socializing with many random people, but we figured that was the way to meet people. Being social in college is definitely one of the many ways to make the experience easier.

The more people you meet, the more fun you have. It also helps you academically since many offer support if you need it.

Unfortunately, after one semester of college I had decided it was not the course I wanted to take with my life at the moment. I now work for One Resource Financial Consultants and am also working on designing and starting a clothing line with a few business partners.

I do want to continue my studies eventually at another college, because for my very socially-focused personality and large needs for partying, I did not seem fit IPFW.

I wanted more area to roam and I needed much better weather. I have had a few job offers since I began working, some in Tampa, Fla. and others in Indianapolis. Therefore, I plan on continuing my studies after settling down wherever I end up.

But even with my absence from campus, I found it necessary to keep track of school events such as volleyball and basketball. I still occasionally use their workout facilities and I keep in touch with many students at IPFW.

I also played in the intramural basketball league during the spring of 2007, which was a lot of fun, and I encourage any new students to also get involved in that, or in any other intramural sport. It's a great way to stay busy and meet some new people.

The college life is a huge step, and it is always a good idea to look at your options and make the best decision for you. It is not a terrible idea to follow your friends to a college of their choice, but you should make a decision based on your needs and what you want.

You're almost guaranteed to make some good friends wherever you go. Many of my friends and I travel to IU or Purdue for a weekend about every month or so, but we all admit we probably would not succeed at the academic level required for those colleges because of the continuous social activity we enjoy.

Staying focused and keeping on track is a large responsibility that is left up to the student. Classes are mostly "attend if you want, but fail if you don't." I will admit I missed classes here and there, not expecting a huge negative result, but by the next class I was lost.

It is crucial to keep yourself organized and apply yourself in what you sign up for, because no one else is going to do it for you. My advice is to stay social, be interactive and meet some new people. College is not only a stage in your life, it's an experience. I've had an amazing year, even though I was not enrolled during the spring of 2007. It's amazing how many people I met and the memories I have made.

But as stated before, you have to be mindful time management. Your success depends on how much you want it, and that's it.

Said Said Something again

By Said El-Dajani

While trying to be a business student one year of my life I was repetitively told to think big and dream big. When I was young, I had a very vivid imagination, dreams and ambitions that slowly disintegrated as the realities of responsibility that come with age, gender and socioeconomic sank in.

Even though I may not have been ready to commit to a business at the time, I pursued it, I realized that I wanted to learn as much as I could to be prepared for whatever endeavors came my way. The biggest problem I found with thinking big was starting big whereas building a foundation and developing a process usually is more effective.

After graduating high school, I took the initial route of attending Purdue University in West Lafayette. I thought the transition to independence would be smooth. I was looking forward to being on my own, making my own decisions, and more importantly, building an academic future that would carry me on to a lifelong career.

I found myself making a lot of the wrong friends and being very dis-

interested with my education. I was quickly lost trying to find a major that complemented my lifestyle and not the other way around. I left realizing that I was starting too big.

I decided IPFW would be a better school at which to start small. I came back home and lived with my parents, which was not appealing considering I had a taste of freedom pie. In hindsight, my intentions for going to Purdue were not to satisfy a need for knowledge, but to experience a lack of boundaries. Moving home would mean having to readjust to a lifestyle. I rebelled against it, yet I realized it was necessary.

So I got what I wanted! I spent a year and a half and figured out that everything I needed was laid at home. The city that I found disgusting a year and a half earlier was finally comfortable. The school I thought to be less superior was exactly what I was looking for.

While in the past IPFW would not have been a first choice, the reality is that this university has a lot to offer to people looking to do something big.

Graduating high school I had the idea that my answers to success were

at the big colleges, that the piece of paper I got after the "four-year plan" would be the key to a wonderful job. By the time I left Purdue, I knew I didn't want a job.

A job to me means that you are doing something that you have to do instead doing something you want to do. If going to Purdue meant that I was going to land a lot of money in a position that I didn't feel passionately about, then I didn't want it.

I was taught to think big. I find it hard now to be a part of a conforming crowd that tells me I need to be a part of something because that's what everyone else is doing. Going to a large school is what the majority is striving for.

My answers are different than yours maybe, but ultimately we're reaching for the same thing: recognition and success.

IPFW, Purdue, IU and Notre Dame are not going to guarantee you anything. But if you want to be big, act big and think big, sometimes you need to do what everyone else isn't doing. Start small and the recognition and success will come.

Advice for incoming freshman

Jenna Tompkins
Editor in Chief

Welcome Freshmen! Some of you are on this campus by your own decisions, and the rest of you are not. But don't be discouraged just because you aren't on a big campus with the rest of your friends. IPFW is a great school and you will all enjoy your time here if you let your self. So, I am going to give you some advice so that you may enjoy your time here as much as I did.

First of all, get involved with something, anything, whether it is your major's club or intramural sports. Getting involved will link you to other people and eventually you will become acquainted with many other people who will become long lasting friends. When you have friends, anything is bearable.

Secondly, get to know your professors! If you take the time to get to know your professors they will get to know you, making the trips to their office to ask questions much easier. Also, I have always found that the more I talked to my professor the better I wanted to do, I didn't want to let them down by failing.

Third, take advantage of everything IPFW offers you, from the Writing Center to CASA. These centers are here to help you succeed, because that is what you deserve. If you feel like you are struggling, stop by one of these places and the friendly staff would love to help you out. There is no reason to do poorly in a class with all the resources around to assist you.

Also, use common sense when it comes to making decisions about class. Don't show up late to class everyday. Because, 1, it is disrespectful to your instructor and your classmates, and 2, you often miss any announcements or important information regarding the class. It is understandable if you are late a few times a semester, but registering for a class that you just cannot make it to on time is not a wise decision. Further, don't be that person who fails his class because you skipped too many days. This is avoidable as long as you stay in good communication with your instructor. These people are here to help you, so use them.

Lastly, consult your advisor. I know this is probably really repetitive

to you, because you've heard it so many times before. If you have any questions ask them. You don't want to go through a whole semester of the wrong classes or just simply have a misunderstanding of something.

So, if you take my advice you will likely be set up for success and will more likely enjoy your time on the IPFW campus. Have a wonderful time!

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Static-X tour brings wrath of Otep Shamaya brings politics to Piere's main stage

By Hidi Moore
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Hundreds of diverse metal fans were looking for an experience that reflected how they feel, an experience that allowed them the relief of identification.

On May 12, Invivo, Otep and Static-X took over Piere's main stage, screaming lyrics that explored the violent, dirty and self-deprecating underbelly of the heavier side of rock. The shame behind these themes was shed from the start of the Static-X Tour stop, and fans openly expressed their loyalty as each band spun into its own version of metal.

Invivo's punk metal sound filled the room as the guys took the stage dressed in tin-foil masks resembling the ones they wore on their soon-to-be released "When I Was a Planet." This lack-luster display made them look like children dressing to play the part of real metal musicians, and let's face it, children are neither men nor real musicians.

Stripped of their masks, Invivo appeared as seemingly normal

guys led by vocalist Jeff Weber, who donned a simple white Oxford button-down and black slacks. Weber's looks, however, did not reflect the versatility of his voice or the incompatibility of it with the rest of his band throughout their short set.

The floor was absolutely packed by the time Otep took the stage. Otep Shamaya's vocals ranged from a lusty moan to a full-on growl. Her blond hair contrasted with her tattooediceps and headgear that ranged from top hats to masks and bags to bomber hats as she attempted to turn each song into a performance. As the dramatic approach escalated, the audience grew more silent.

'President Bush, we the people of the United States formally request your resignation. ... You walk on a road of bones, sir!'
~Otep Shamaya

Wearing a bomber hat, Shamaya dedicated the band's cover of Nirvana's "Breed" to the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy. "Most of us have a moment of silence," she spoke out. "Not us. We have a moment of violence!" She also went on to dedicate the cover to one of her personal heroes, Nirvana's Kurt Cobain, elevating his 1994 suicide to the level of the tragedy in Virginia.

Needless to say, her vocals did not pack the punch that her dedication did. While the band, which consisted of guitarist Aaron, bassist "Evil" J. McGuire and drummer Brian Wolff, did give fans a much heavier version of "Breed," Shamaya was ultimately responsible for the song's failure.

Shamaya continued her dramatic beat into "Wu-head," as well. Possibly the most controversial moment of the night came as she held an American flag upside down, then draped it over her shoulders in a gesture of disrespect to both President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

Tossing the flag then onto the mic stand, Shamaya dedicated "Warhead" to those who serve in the armed forces. No sooner



Photo by Mike Webb

had her fans cheered her on, the room filled with deafening silence as she shouted, "President Bush, we the people of the United States formally request your resignation. ... You walk on a road of bones, sir!" A moment of intense silence ensued, broken only by the band's most passionate and heavy performance of the night.

Something needed to break that tension, and Static-X came onto the scene, opening with the title track from their latest release "Carnibal." "Carnibal" reflected a shift from industrialized metal to a more traditional metal that was later interspersed with selections that singer

and guitarist Wayne Static referred to as "old school evil disco."

During Static-X's entire set, the floor became packed wall-to-wall with loyal fans whose bodies became a writhing sea of arms and heads that spread out from the stage, up the stairs and across the mezzanine.

Static blew through songs with a wide-eyed energy that seemed endless. He

screamed, harked and growled his way through songs.

Progressing further into the set, the band, consisting of Static, Koichi Fukuda (guitar), Nick Oshiro (drums) and Tony Campos (bass), paused and grabbed their drinks. Static looked out into the audience,

sometimes, "you just gotta take it to the next level," and launched into "Destroyer."

Just minutes after that song, their performance became less spot-on, but that did not phase Static-X fans in the slightest. The fans, ready to withstand the heat of the crowd, the stench of spilled beer or the itch to have a smoke, waited patiently for an encore when the band left the stage. After just a few minutes of hypnotic chanting, Static-X reappeared for another three songs before retiring to their tour bus for the night.

Though this tour was headlined

'... she marched her band from the mildly erotic to the downright dirty and on to a full-on battle.'

by Static-X, it was Otep who stole the show with Shamaya's vocals and zealous and at times vehement harangues. Though the hand did little to fuel her performance, she was clearly in her element as she marched her band from the mildly erotic to the downright dirty and on to a full-on battle.

Otep gave most of the fans what they were seeking: peace. The band's name itself, derived from ancient Egyptian, means "peace." Ironically, this peace originated from a delivery so loud, angry and blameworthy. Either way, Shamaya said it best when she said the crowd, in its aggression, was engaging with her in "spiritual intercourse."



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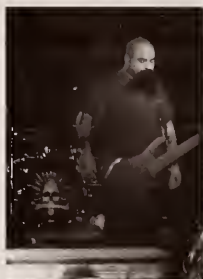


Photo by Mike Webb

Spiderman 3 weaves an enjoyably tangled web

By Mike Webb
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Spiderman. When I was younger I watched reruns of the old live-action television show. They were awesome when I was 6. For that reason, I had no idea what to expect when I found out they

were going to bring him to the big screen. Sure, he is a very well-known superhero and all, but never in a million years did I think he would make for one of the biggest films of all-time. Even stranger than that, never did I think that I would like it so much.

"Spiderman 3" is the latest in director Sam Raimi's blockbuster series, and I am sure many of you have already seen it more than once. The general reaction was positive but not as much as the superhero's last outing in "Spiderman 2." Does that mean his third foray onto the big screen is not worth the time? In my opinion, it's

quite the contrary.

"Spiderman 3" begins with Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) high on life. He's in love with Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst) and their relationship is blossoming. Mary Jane is the only one who knows that Parker is Spiderman, and she accepts him when he is (both of him).

Obviously the tranquility cannot continue in such a way or there would be no story to tell. It is for this reason that Spidey will face off

against assets simply because each of the villains are explored in detail. For others, the movie's length and number of characters will make it feel drawn out and disjointed.

The baddies mentioned are none other than Sandman, New Goblin and the much anticipated Venom.

Sandman is an escaped convict who, while running from police, enters a machine which alters his molecular structure, turning him into a sand creature. New Goblin is the realization of Harry Osborn's desire for revenge against Spiderman coupled with his newfound access to his father's laboratory equipment. Finally, Venom begins as a sort of goop which falls to earth in a meteor and pursues Spiderman with the intentions of controlling him.

All of these characters make Spiderman's life more complicated than he had intended and puts strains on his relationship with the woman he loves and draws inspiration from.

The two previous Spiderman films had an accessible mix of humor and darkness. They captured just

enough of the comics to do justice to Stan Lee's creation, but also brought the characters to life in a strangely believable likeable fashion. Quite simply, the movie is darker overall, and some of the innocence is gone, which makes the characters less likeable.

You will still root for them, but they may anger you at times.

Sure, there are some aspects which are tried and true and have been carried over from "Spiderman 2." One example would be the goodness in part two when Parker decides to live as a human without powers. During this time, his real-life nature is emphasized in humorous fashion complete

with appropriate music and 1970s-style editing techniques. In part three, this approach is used during Parker's angry phase. All I will say is Parker experiments

with emo style. Never has a character been so nerdy and yet so cool.

As mentioned, the movie is long, but the length is necessary to explore so many separate storylines which ultimately weave in and out of one another culminating in an epic climax.

This film is complex as far as comic-based movies go, but not confusing (as long as you've seen the previous films, and let's face it, you have). It works well, and I believe it is worth the hype simply for successfully stepping outside of the box that so many expected it to fall within.

For the five of you out there that haven't seen the movie, check it out, and try to recognize the ways in which it builds upon its predecessors rather than re-serve them. Sam Raimi deserves respect for that.

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Volleyball falls to UIC in Nationals

Courtesy of the IPFW
Athletics Department

Columbus, OH - The IPFW Mastodons 2007 "Dream Season" came to an end on Saturday night in the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship Finals. The fourth-seeded 'Dons fell to the second-seeded UIC-Irvine Anteaters, 3-1.

The Anteaters captured their first NCAA Championship by the scores of 30-30, 24-30, 30-23, and 30-28. IPFW came out slowly in the match and fell behind by seven points on a kill by senior outside hitter Jayson Jablonsky, making it 14-7 UIC.

The Anteaters killed everything in sight in the first set, suffering just a single hitting error, while shagging .724, they cruised to the 10 point win.

In the second set, IPFW began to exert some pressure. They began to find an opening in the middle with Josh Stewart, and "Big Red" responded. Stewart put down four balls and junior outside hitter C.J. Macias got loose for six kills as the Mastodons took the second set by six with a .333 hitting game.

In the third, neither team hit particularly well, with Irvine out-hitting the 'Dons .194 to .086, but one Anteater got it done. Opposite Matt Webber was the difference with seven kills giving UIC a 2-1 set lead.

The fourth set was a tight affair with neither team holding more than a two point advantage until late. On a kill by UIC middle David Smith, the 'Eaters had a four point, 26-22 cushion and looked poised to take home the trophy.

However, IPFW made them earn it.



The 'Dons rattled off four straight points, two kills from Stewart and a blast from Macias, along with an Irvine error, tying it at 26. That prompted a timeout from Irvine head coach John Speraw.

The tactic worked. Smith and Webber put down consecutive kills to make it 29-27.

A service error by Smith gave IPFW hope a 29-28, but the 'Dons gave it right back to end the match.

Webber led all scorers in the match with 22 kills. He was also named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Jablonsky and Smith chipped in 18 and 13 kills, respectively.

For the Mastodons, who finished the season at 23-8, Macias led the way with 21 kills, garnering him All-Tournament Team Honors.

Stewart added 12 kills from the middle, and junior outside hitter Brock Ullrich had 10 kills. Stewart had a solo block and nine block assists.

Senior setter Colin Lundeen

was named to the All-Tournament Team with 53 assists and two kills; three solo blocks, and four block assists in the match.



Photos by Kelly Jones

Softball splits with Grizzlies, 9-1, 5-0

Courtesy of the IPFW
Athletic Department

Fort Wayne, IN-IPFW won the first game in a twinbill against future Mid-Con opponent Oakland University, to snap a 12-game losing streak.

The 'Dons defeated the Grizzlies 9-1, run-ruling them in the sixth inning.

After a quiet and quick first in-

ning for both teams, IPFW was able to erect the scoring column in the second, on a Kayla Powell single that brought in third baseman Michelle Meighen, and put first baseman Brooke Walter in scoring position with no outs. Centerfielder Beatrice Pedraza stepped up to the plate and doubled to the left field fence, bringing in Walter and Powell. Shortstop Ty Lambert followed suit, doubling to bring in Pedraza and give IPFW

the 4-0 lead.

In the fifth, Tara Mickelson hit a two-run homer to give the 'Dons some insurance, bringing pinch runner, Ashley Johnson, home.

In the sixth inning, Oakland gave up a trio of walks and an error to walk in Jill Price and load the bases for Meighen. Meighen came up and singled to left, batting in two runs and giving IPFW the 9-1 win, it was the largest margin of victory for

the 'Dons all season.

The Oakland offense was held to just four hits by pitcher Ashley Tharp and some incredible grabs by the IPFW defense. Tharp improved to 2-2 on the season with the victory.

In game two, IPFW just couldn't hang onto the momentum, giving up all five Oakland runs in the first inning. Pitcher Katie Aspregen took the loss in the circle.

On the day, IPFW was led by

Mickelson, Powell, and Angela Pasquali who were each 3 for 5 on the afternoon, while Lambert was 2 for 4.

Note: IPFW honored seniors Angela Pasquali, Ashley Johnson-Estes, and Katie Stone after game one of the double header, as each played their final game at the IPFW Softball Field this afternoon.

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Ben Botts Named to the Indiana All-Star Team

Courtesy of the IPFW Athletic Department

Fort Wayne, IN - IPFW early signee Ben Botts has been selected by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association to the 2007 Indiana Boy's Basketball All-Star Team.

Botts, a 6-0 guard from Muncie Central, was selected to the team out of a group of 45 invited to a tryout camp at Ben Davis back on March 25.

In all, 14 players were selected to the squad.

Botts averaged 15 points, five assists and shot 42 percent from 3-point range for Muncie Central, who reached the 4A state title game the past two seasons.

The Indiana All-Star team will take on a group of All-Stars from Kentucky, June 16 at Western Kentucky University, with a rematch taking place on June 23 at the Con-seco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Botts not only excelled on the court at Muncie Central, he was also named Academic All-State with a 4.1 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Note: Botts is the second All-State selection to sign at IPFW since the program turned Division I. Former Mastodon Beau Bauer was an All-State selection back in 2003.

Five Members of the Baseball Squad Named Independent All-Academic

Courtesy of the IPFW Athletic Department

Edinburg, TX - IPFW is represented by five members of the baseball squad on the 2007 NCAA Division I Independent Baseball All-Academic Team.

The NCAA Division I Academic All-Independent Team was selected by Sports Information Directors at member institutions. Nominations from each school were accepted for student-athletes who had at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average, had reached at least a sophomore academic standing and were a starter or key reserve for their respective program.

IPFW senior captain, and shortstop, Chris Venverloot led IPFW with a 4.0 grade point average. Venverloot's senior campaign was cut short by a serious shoulder injury. In the classroom, Venverloot was named top student by the IPFW Communications Department.

Others receiving All-Academic status were:

Stacy Herold /Sophomore/Pitcher/3.96 GPA/Major: Education

Aaron Kerns / Junior/Outfielder/DH/3.66 GPA/Major: OLS

Adam Miller / Sophomore/Catcher/3.71 GPA/Major: General Studies

Cole Uebelhor /Junior/Pitcher/3.85 GPA/Pre-Physical Therapy

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